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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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	AA	6,317,834	11/13/2001	Gennaro et al.			
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	AG	WO 00/36566	06/22/2000	WIPO			
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**OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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<b>LIST OF ADDITIONAL SUBMITTED DOCUMENTS</b>	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	APPLICATION NO.
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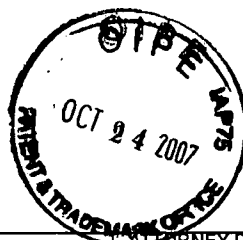
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	AE	Extended European Search Report, mailed July 24, 2007 and issued in corresponding European Patent Application No. 07101606.7-2218						

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US 4,993,068 and EP 0 924 656, also cited in the above-mentioned European Search Report, were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 8, 2006.